

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening</b>

**\*\*Members are advised that the GOP Leadership has announced that votes will occur after 7:00 p.m. when the House is considering Appropriations bills, and that the House will be voting late into the evening tonight.**

**H.Res. 643 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5326 – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 (Rep. Wolf - Appropriations) (One Hour of debate)** The Rules Committee has recommended an open Rule that allows any amendments that comply with House Rules to be considered. The Rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows any Member to submit an amendment under the 5-minute Rule, but allows the Chair to give priority in recognition to those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record. It also allows pro forma amendments and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The Rule also allows for same day authority, for any resolution reported on May 10, 2012, providing for consideration of a budget reconciliation measure reported by the House Budget Committee. The Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern that would remove this section of the Rule.

Lastly, the Rule provides that pending adoption of a conference report on the budget resolution for FY13, the spending allocations for House Committees outlined in the Republican (Ryan) Budget Resolution would be considered to be the allocations under the Congressional Budget Act. Once again, House Republicans are breaking the Budget Control Act agreement on appropriations and putting in place fast track reconciliation procedures to push through even more spending cuts that target the most vulnerable. Republicans are again doubling down on their draconian budget to end the Medicare guarantee and destroy jobs while giving tax cuts to the wealthy.

**Begin Consideration of H.R. 5326 – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 (Rep. Wolf - Appropriations)** H.R. 5326 appropriates approximately \$51.1 billion in discretionary spending, which is \$1.6 billion (3%) less than the current level and \$731 million (1.4%) less than in the Senate and President's request. The measure increases funding for the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology but slightly reduces funding for NASA. It also cuts funding for grants to state and local law enforcement agencies by 17% while providing increases for most federal law enforcement agencies. House Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on the \$1.028 trillion discretionary spending cap included in the Republican (Ryan) Budget Resolution rather than the \$1.047 trillion cap agreed upon in last year's Budget Control Act. As a result, this bill leaves even less room for other agencies and programs down the road, as Republicans try and 'frontload' some of the appropriations bills while still fitting under their cap.

In addition, H.R. 5326 provides \$73 million for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which is \$126 million (63%) less than the current level and \$217 million (75%) less than requested. The bill only provides \$40 million out of the \$73 million for the COPS hiring program, which provides assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies.

***Bill Text for H.R. 5326:***

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***Background for H.R. 5326:***

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[CRS Report](#) - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: FY2013 Appropriations

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, May 9: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 2072](#) - Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act of 2011, as amended (Rep. Gary Miller (CA) - Financial Services) and [H.R. 4133](#) - United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012, as amended (Rep. Cantor - Foreign Affairs) – under suspension of the Rules. The House is also expected to continue consideration of H.R. 5326 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 (Rep. Wolf - Appropriations).

### **The Daily Quote**

"Setting the stage for an emotional floor fight Thursday, House Republicans pushed ahead Monday evening with plans to protect increased defense spending without raising taxes, largely by cutting more from domestic programs, including aid to the poor. The stark choices incorporated in the giant bill will have an immediate impact on working-class and immigrant families and offer a preview of the fall campaign and bitter budget fights facing Congress after the elections... As such, it fits into a larger decision by the House GOP to break with the spending caps set in the debt accords reached last summer. On balance, Republicans would devote about \$8 billion more to defense appropriations than anticipated under the Budget Control Act while non-defense spending would face a net loss of \$27 billion."

- Politico, 5/7/12